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WILMER MECHLIN, et.ux., : IN THE  
Plaintiffs, : CIRCUIT COURT  
vs. : FOR  
DAISY BELCHER, et.al., : FREDERICK COUNTY  
Defendants. : 2529 - E - Civil

AFFIDAVIT

I, Wilmer Mechlin, being of lawful age and competent to testify to the matters herein, do declare and affirm under the penalty of perjury that I have personal knowledge of the following facts: that on or about April 16, 1964, I entered into a Sales Contract for the purchase of 26 1/4 acres of land, more or less, as more fully described in said Sales Contract attached hereto; that all parties to the said Contract believed to the best of their knowledge that the only living heirs at law of George W. Stewart had executed the said Sales Contract as Contract Sellers as is more fully recited therein; that Elmer Shamwell, one of the Contract Sellers, told your affiant at the time the said Sales Contract was signed that Olga Shamwell, one of the heirs of Mary Shamwell, died in Philadelphia prior to 1964 without any living descendants; that George Stewart, one of the Contract Sellers, told your affiant at the time the Sales Contract was signed that Paul Belcher, the only heir of Daisy Belcher, was presumed dead since none of the Contract Sellers had heard anything from or about him since 1947 when he lived in Washington, D.C.; that I have no personal knowledge that either Paul Belcher or Olga Shamwell is still living or if each is deceased, whether or not he or she was survived by any heirs. Therefore, it is my firm